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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Adrian Perez Hernandez, 30, of Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to two concurrent 73-month sentences for distribution of cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Perez Hernandez pleaded guilty to these charges on April 3, 2007.

In October and November 2006, Perez Hernandez sold various quantities of cocaine to an undercover officer on five occasions. On November 8 he also sold the undercover officer a gun. On the last occasion, Perez Hernandez sold approximately 9 ounces of cocaine to the undercover officer and was arrested immediately afterwards, with the \$7,000 prerecorded buy money in his pocket. Perez Hernandez's prior felony conviction was in 2003 for possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

The charges against Perez Hernandez were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.